(b) A meeting of the Island Development Authority was held on December 28 and 29, 1987.

(c) Information is being collected.

P.M.'s Visit to Lakshdweep

791. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister had spent some days in Lakshdweep islands recently;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that a number of foreign nationals had joined him there;

(d) if so, what are the names and other details of these foreign nationals;

(e) who had invited them; and

(f) how their expenses were financed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) The Prime Minister visited Lakshadweep from 20.12.87 to 6. 1. 1988. On December 29, the Prime Minister visited Minicoy and Kavaratti and presided over the meeting of the Islands Development Authority in Kavaratti. On January 6, he visited Amini and Kadmat for official functions. From 30th December 1987 to the forenoon of 6th January, 1988 he was on a private holiday in Bangaram island.

(c) to (f) Since these pertain to a private visit the question of any dearth connected therewith does not arise.

Review of Lottery Policy

792. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to review the policy relating to conducting of lotteries in view of the growing craze for overnight wealth and consequent erosion in values in society; and

(b) if so, what stand Government propose to take in view of this social menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) Comprehensive guidelines have been issued to all States/Union Territories with a view to regulating the conduct of lotteries and to check malpractices. A copy of the same was laid on the Table of the House on 10-3-1987.

Private lotteries come under the purview of the State Governments.

Persons killed by Insurgents is Tripura

793. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed and injured during the last six months by insurgents in Tripura; and

(b) the steps being taken to curb insurgency in Tripura?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) During the last six months (from 21.8.87 to 20.2.88) 151 persons have been killed and 57 injured by T.N.V.